

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE

## Governor of the State of Texas

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TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove of and veto House Bill No. 1179 as passed by the Eightieth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, because of the following objections:

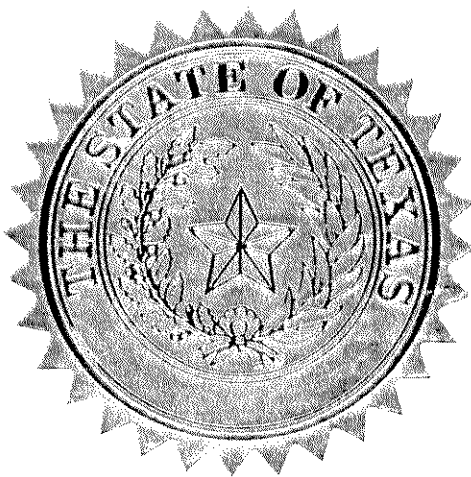
House Bill No. 1179 would require the Texas Lottery Commission to adhere to the general procurement policies of the state that are governed by the Texas Building and Procurement Commission (TBPC).

Since its creation, the Lottery Commission has been allowed to independently negotiate purchases rather than going through the TBPC procurement process. Although it has proceeded independently, the Lottery has followed the same practices as the TBPC, resulting in effective evaluation and selection of contractors and contracts that include the required statutory provisions.

I support the philosophy behind H.B. No. 1179 of promoting competition in the marketplace and protecting the state's interests with respect to procurement practices. However, I am vetoing H.B. No. 1179 because the Lottery negotiated many of its contracts based on its current procurement process. Eliminating the purchasing flexibility in the Texas Lottery Commission's procurement process could jeopardize its future success.

The Lottery should retain its flexibility in purchasing because the agency is contracting for and operating a unique business that deals with a limited vendor community qualified to operate the games. These purchases are different from consumable goods, such as office supplies, that other agencies purchase and which TBPC rules are designed to cover.

Since the Legislature by its adjournment has prevented the return of this bill, I am filing these objections in the office of the Secretary of State and giving notice thereof by this public proclamation according to the aforementioned constitutional provision.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 15th day of June, 2007.

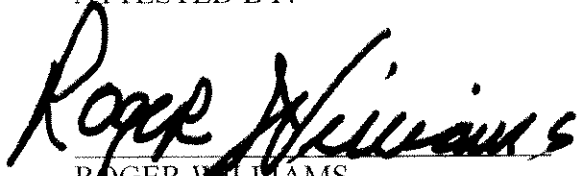
*Rick Perry*

RICK PERRY  
Governor of Texas

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SECRETARY OF STATE  
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JUN 15 2007

ATTESTED BY:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roger Williams", written over a horizontal line.

ROGER WILLIAMS  
Secretary of State

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